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750 EXCURSIONISTS KILLED

BY FIRE ON BOARD STEAMER GEN. SLOCUM AT NEW YORK

VICTIMS MOSTLY WOMEN AND
CHILDREN ON CHURCH OUTING

BY BOSTON AMERICAN LEASED WIRE.

NEW YORK, June 15.—Over 750 women and children were burned to death or drowned, according to the police report, in a fire which burned the triple-deck excursion steamer, General Slocum, loaded with 1,600 members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Sunday School, to the water's edge to-day.

In the panic which followed the discovery of the fire, while the big steamer was passing through Hell Gate, the rails of the steamer were torn off and scores of women and children were pushed into the swirling water.

Mothers fought frantically to save their children and were themselves pushed into the channel.

WILD SWEEP OF FLAME.

THE FIRE STARTED AMIDSHIPS AND WHEN DISCOVERED HAD SPREAD FORE AND AFT, ENVELOPING THE VESSEL IN FLAMES AND SMOKE. WHILE THE GENERAL SLOCUM, WITH WHISTLES SCREAMING FOR AID, CROWDED ALL SPEED TO REACH A LANDING ON NORTH BROTHERS ISLAND, OFF ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY EIGHTH STREET, AS MANY AS COULD REACH THE COMPANION WAYS CROWDED UP

ON THE HURRICANE DECK IN A VAIN SEARCH FOR SAFETY.

THE SUPPORTS OF THE HURRICANE DECK WERE OF WOOD. THE FLAMES ATE THROUGH THESE FRAIL SUPPORTS AND THE FRANTIC PASSENGERS WERE PRECIPITATED TO THE LOWER DECKS, WHICH WERE BLAZING LIKE A FURNACE.

SEVENTY-SEVEN BODIES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE FOUND STREWN ALONG THE

BEACHES OF NORTH BROTHERS AND RIKERS ISLANDS. WITH THE DEAD WAS A WOMAN ALMOST DROWNED, WHO WAS RESUSCITATED.

NEARLY 200 BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED, INCLUDING THOSE FOUND ON BOARD THE STEAMER AND A NUMBER TAKEN OUT OF THE WATER BY TUGS AND OTHER VESSELS.

MANY LEAPED OVERBOARD.

THE POLICE SAY THAT THE EXACT NUM-

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